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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 11 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing a liquid onto a substrate, comprising:

a support for receiving the substrate;

a dispensing head for dispensing the liquid onto the substrate;

a knife ring having a base and a tapered edge extending from said base vertically adjustably mounted beneath said support; and

[[an]] a plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment ~~mechanism~~ mechanisms operably engaging said base of said knife ring for placing said knife ring at selected vertical positions beneath the substrate.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment ~~mechanism~~ comprises at least one mechanisms comprise a plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating ~~cylinder~~ cylinders.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

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4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment mechanism comprises at least one mechanisms comprise a plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating cylinder cylinders.

5. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said ~~at least one~~ plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating cylinder cylinder is actuated by pneumatic pressure.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

9. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing a liquid onto a substrate, comprising:

a support for receiving the substrate;

a dispensing head for dispensing the liquid onto the substrate;

a knife ring having a base and a tapered edge extending from said base vertically adjustably mounted beneath said support; and

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~~at least one~~ a pair of independently-actuated  
hydraulic-powered ring actuating ~~cylinder~~ cylinders operably  
engaging said base of said knife ring in generally  
diametrically-opposed relationship to each other for placing  
said knife ring at selected vertical positions beneath the  
substrate.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said  
knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

13. - 20. (Canceled)